THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) The total revenue earned from passenger traffic during 1994 and 1995, zone-wise are as under :

(Figures in crores of Rs.)

Railways	Passenger Earnings	
	1993-94	1994-95
Central	983.74	1097.34
Eastern	542.11	598.46
Northern	937.33	1031.03
N.E.	242.16	276.29
N.F.	96.77	111.81
Southern	446.96	520.95
S.C.	438.43	488.31
S.E.	327.87	365.45
Western	875.85	969.21
Metro/Calcutta	3.99	4.81
Total	4895.21	5463.66

(b) The Zone-wise loading of revenue earning goods traffic during 1993-94 and 1994-95, is as under :

(In million tonnes)

Railways	1993-94	1994-95
Central	36.04	37.11
Eastern	70.88	72.03
Northern	24.99	21.47
N.E.	2.88	2.33
N.F.	5.79	6.53
Southern	19.02	19.27
S.C.	40.30	35.73
S.E.	131.50	141.72
Western	27.32	28.77
Total	358.72	364.96

Horticulture Development Programmes

3037. SHRI RAM NAIK : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of projects reports of Horticultural Development Programmes received from the Government of Maharashtra and the dates on which the same were received by the Union Government;

(b) the reasons for not clearing these projects so far;

(c) whether the proposal to delegate powers of Union Government to sanction these schemes is under consideration; and

(d) if so, the time by which the decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) The status report for setting up a Tissue Culture Project by M/s. Suabhagya Kalpataru Pvt. Ltd. was forward to the Ministry of Agriculture by the Director of Horticulture, Government of Maharashtra on 23.3.1996, for consideration of financial assistance admissible to private sector unit under the scheme of Integrated Development of Tropical, Arid and Temperate Zone Fruits. The same was examined from the technical point of view and approval issued on 15.4.1996.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Improvement in Train Services

3038. SHRI AJOY MUKHOPADHYAY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have taken any steps to improve the train services in Ranaghat-Lalgola, Ranaghat Gede and Ranaghat-Bongaon sections of the Eastern Railway; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. DMU services have been provided in Ranaghat-Lalgola/Gede/Bongaon sections. Introduction of new services is a continuous process subject to operational and resource constraints.

Pyrites and Phosphate Mining

3039. SHRI MUNNI LAL : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is pyrites and phosphate mining and manufacturing public undertaking at Amjhore in the Rohtas district of Bihar;

(b) the number of persons affected due to the pollution created by this unit;

(c) the scheme being implemented to counter the health hazards of the people;

(d) whether compensation and employment have been provided to the displaced persons; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by the Government to solve their problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) Yes, Sir. Pyrites, Phosphates and Chemicals Ltd. (PPCL) is a public sector undertaking which operates the pyrites mine at Amjhore in Rohtas District of Bihar. PPCL has a unit for manufacture of Single Supre